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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a four-month extension of time hereby extending the period for response from October 9, 2004 to February 9, 2005. A Notice of Appeal was mailed on August 4, 2004 and received by the Patent Office on August 9, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0762 the amount of \$1,480.00 (the fee for a one-month extension was previously paid with the Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection filed on November 9, 2004), to cover the extension fee. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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In the event that the Patent Office determines that this application has been abandoned, Applicants alternatively hereby petition for revival of this application under 37 CFR 1.137(b). The entire delay was unintentional. Please enter the amendment and response previously mailed on November 9, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted herewith. This application was filed after June 8, 2005, thus no terminal disclaimer is required. Please charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** the amount of \$1,500 to cover the petition fee. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully,

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